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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael N. Helmus, et al.

Divisional of Application
No. 09/571,987

Filed: May 16, 2000

For: BIOACTIVE COATINGS TO
PREVENT TISSUE OVERGROWTH ON
ARTIFICIAL HEART VALVES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. In addition, a petition for a one-month extension of time for the response to United States Application No. 09/571,987 accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.